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Post-Mortem<sup>\*</sup> on NIE 36.2-56:

The Outlook for Iraq's Stability and Foreign Policies,  
dated 17 July 1956

The chief estimative problems encountered in this estimate were not the result of specific intelligence deficiencies but matters of general estimative judgment. They are:

a. The broad question of what will happen to Iraq's internal stability and foreign orientation after Nuri Said disappears from the scene; and

b. The extent to which Iraq's development program will in fact serve in the long run to create conditions of fundamental political stability in the kingdom.

c. Future Iraqi courses of action with respect to Syria.

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\* We do not consider that a validity study would be useful in the present case, since previous estimative coverage of Iraq appears piecemeal in such a wide variety of estimates on the Arab states and the Middle East as a whole that generalizations on their validity would serve little purpose.

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